REGION	SEBs/Eds	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98
WESTERN REGION	1. GUJARAT	20.34	20.02	20.08	17.14	19.66
	2. MADHYA PRADESH	20.26	19.61	17.84	19.24	19.08
	3. MAHARASHTRA	16.22	16.33	16.95	16.55	17.73
	4. D & N HAVELI	12.64	11.35	9.31	8.80	NA
	5. GOA	24.50	26.87	26.06	23.50	23.39
	6. DAMAN & DIU	22.34	16.30	12.80	8.15	11.27
SOUTHERN REGION	1. ANDHRA PRADESH	19.91	17.95	19.34	33.19	31.76
	2. KARNATAKA	19.55	19.41	19.06	18.73	18.56
	3. KERALA	20.00	20.05	21.12	20.59	17.87
	4. TAMIL NADU	17.18	17.11	16.19	17.65	17.00
	5. LAKSHADWEEP	16.99	17.84	17.23	15.11	15.83
	6. PONDICHERRY	15.80	15.00	16.54	17.38	13.79
EASTERN REGION	1. BIHAR	20.35	19.76	15.91	25.31	25.41
	2. ORRISA (GRIDCO)	22.43	23.03	24.17	50.15	NA
	3. SIKKIM	22.60	21.22	16.47	29.24	20.13
	4. WEST BENGAL	20.82	21.51	19.26	18.01	20.34
	5. A&N ISLS	23.71	22.38	19.25	19.15	20.51
NORTHERN EASTERN REGION	1.ASSAM	22.44	24.18	26.91	25.97	30.05
	2. MANIPUR	23.92	25.30	24.85	22.95	21.50$
	3. MEGHALAYA	18.03	18.47	12.55	19.75	17.93
	4. NAGALAND	33.45	36.12	35.17	26.81	29.50$
	5. TRIPURA	30.53	31.96	30.86	30.11	29.75
	6. ARUNACHAL PRADESH	42.04	45.30	37.12	32.62	30.99$
	7. MIZORAM	31.89	29.76	25.18	34.35	47.00$
ALL INDIA UTILITIES		21.41	21.13	22.27	24.53	24.44

SOURCE: DMLF DIVISION, CEA. (GENERAL REVIEW)

* DATA IS TENTATIVE AS REPORTED BY SEBs/EDs.

\# COMPUTED FIGURES.

$ AS REPORTED IN THE ANNUAL PLAN RESOURCES PAPER SUBMITTED TO PLANNING COMMISSION

NA— INFORMATION NOT YET FURNISHED BY THE SEB/ED

Special group for reforms in power sector

5583. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a special group was set up by Government to bring about reforms in the power;

(b) if so, the salient features of the recommendations made by the special group;

(c) whether Government have examined those recommendations;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(e) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (e) The National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) was engaged as a consultant to suggest the legislative changes required for accelerating the reforms process in the power sector in the country. The NCAER has submitted draft Electricity Bill, 2000 to replace the existing three Electricity Laws (The Indian Electricity Act, 1910), The Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 and the Electricity Regulatory Commissions Act, 1998).

The draft Bill suggests corporatisation of all the State Electricity Boards and their restructuring into separate entities that would provide for accountability based on profit centres, whether public or private; and setting up/ reinforcing the Regulatory Commissions on the lines of the Electricity Regulatory Commission Act, 1998. It stresses the need for efficiency and competition with the objective of providing reliable power supply to all consumers at competitive prices. It also provides for a clear delineation of roles and responsibilities.

The draft Bill has been circulated to all concerned including the State Governments for their comments. Detailed discussions have been held with States, State Electricity Boards, Regulatory Commission, Experts, Chambers of Commerce and Private Utilities. The revised draft prepared by the NCAER in the light of the discussions and comments, is under consideration of the Government of India.

NTPC dues towards railways

5584. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Badarpur Thermal Power Station of NTPC owes crores of rupees to the Railways for the cost of transporting coal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;